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Theater Wide Missile Defense test successful

By Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (public affairs)

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The U.S. Navy moved another step closer last week to developing a Navy Theater Wide (NTW) capability with a successful flight test of the newly developed Standard Missile-3 (SM-3).

The Aegis cruiser USS *Lake Erie* (CG 70) conducted the Aegis Light Exo-Atmospheric Projectile (LEAP) Intercept Flight Test Round (FTR-1A) mission in the mid-Pacific using the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, Hawaii.

Equipped with Aegis LEAP Intercept (ALI) computer programs and hardware, *Lake Erie* launched an SM-3 missile demonstrating third stage airframe stability and control through nominal kinetic warhead fourth stage separation. The SM-3 is the Navy's new exo-atmospheric missile developed to counter theater ballistic missile (TBM) threats outside the atmosphere.

The primary mission of the Navy Theater Wide Ballistic Missile Defense system is to provide defense in depth from the threat of TBM attack for U.S. and allied forces overseas, including vital areas, critical military assets, population centers and large geographic regions.

Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (ACNO) for Missile Defense, Rear Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, deemed the FTR-1A test "a major positive event" in the ALI program.

"It's time to deliver what

we've promised on the test range," Rempt said. "The engineering data we'll derive from this test will definitely move us along the SM-3 path to intercept."

The FTR-1A mission flew a guided trajectory within the range safety boundaries. The test was strictly an evaluation of SM-3 airframe stability and control through nominal warhead separation. A target was launched to verify launch procedures for future firings; to verify Aegis Weapon System fire control data and tracking performance; and to collect engineering data from the missile, including the kinetic warhead infrared seeker, all in preparation for follow-on flight missions. Program engineers will analyze the data and incorporate changes based on their findings, as required.

Last week's test was the third in a planned series of nine test flights. The ALI Project's ground test program has already conducted significant testing of elements of the SM-3 missile. The ALI project, a part of the Navy Theater Wide Ballistic Missile Defense program, builds upon the well-proven SM-2 missile family and the Aegis Weapon System, including its vertical launch capability.

In conjunction with the Area TBMD Program, the SM-2 Block IVA missile maintains the capabilities of earlier variants of the SM-2 missile while adding a

capability against short to medium range TBMs. Both Aegis and other variants of the SM-2 missile are currently at sea in more than 50 Aegis cruisers and destroyers, with more than 25 ships in the production/planning pipeline.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization is the sponsor of the Navy Theater Wide capability. The Navy's ACNO (Missile Defense) is the Navy lead on requirements and related matters. The program executive officer for

Theater Surface Combatants manages the development of the NTW Program.

Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Ariz., is the prime contractor for the development and production of the SM-3 missile. Lockheed Martin Naval Electronic and Surveillance systems manufactures the Aegis Weapon System installed on board Aegis cruisers and destroyers and is also the prime contractor for the Vertical Launch System.

President's message to the Armed Forces

By President George W. Bush

WASHINGTON (NNS) — To the Armed Forces of the United States and the men and women whose work supports them:

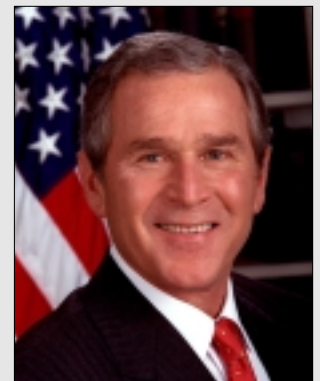
Your service in the cause of freedom is both noble and extraordinary. Because of you, America is strong and the flame of freedom burns brighter than at any time in history.

Your country can never repay you for the sacrifices and hardships you endure. But we are grateful for the liberties we enjoy every day because of your service.

As your commander-in-chief, I will always support you and your families so that this great nation continues to have the greatest Armed Forces in the history of the world.

Thank you.

Signed, George W. Bush.



Say goodbye to chad, DoD tests Internet voting

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — There'll be no more chads — hanging, pregnant or dimpled — if a test program using the Internet is expanded.

The Voting Over the Internet pilot project was conducted during the 2000 election cycle. The Federal Voting Assistance Program sponsored the test in association with state and county governments. In the test, volunteer service members from around the world voted using the World Wide Web.

"The effort grew out of our voter survey following the 1996 elections," said Polli Brunelli, director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program. The cycle saw eligible service members being allowed to register and, in some cases, vote by faxing their voting materials to their home counties. The fax program proved very successful, she said.

"In the survey, some people asked when they would be able to vote via the Internet," Brunelli said. "We started researching it

immediately."

But "Vote by Internet" is easier to say than to pull off. Ballots must be secret. They must be secure and protected from tampering. There must be a way for them to mirror the requirements of paper ballots — including signatures.

Brunelli's office built on initiatives already afoot within the Department of Defense (DoD).

"At the time we started looking at this project, DoD was developing the Public Key Infrastructure," she said. PKI allows for secure transmission by use of digital signatures. Voting officials used this to mimic the steps required of the paper ballots.

Voting program officials also had to get their state and county partners to buy into the program.

"They were most enthusiastic about the idea," Brunelli said. "(County and state officials) were a part of this from the very beginning."

Counties in South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Florida participated in the 2000 program. Officials were

looking for about 50 eligible voters from each site to participate.

"This was a proof-of-concept demonstration," Brunelli said. "We weren't set up for mass voting. This was simply to demonstrate that this could work."

Officials set up the system and had third-party testers go through the process. The testers passed the system, and state and county officials accepted the results. Voters came from all five armed services.

"This system would be great for our seagoing personnel," Brunelli said. Participants received directions on how to download the necessary software and how to get their digital signatures via the DoD Public Key Infrastructure. Voters could send in their electronic ballots any time after the ballots were made available. The first vote came from a Marine on Oct. 12, 2000, and went to Weber County, Utah.

"I was in Okaloosa County, Fla., on Election Night," Brunelli said. "The

Internet ballots came in and were printed out. It worked flawlessly."

She said a quick after-action review indicates the system worked well. There was no tampering and the ballots remained secret. Comments from the participants showed they were satisfied with the process, with one voter calling it a "snap."

Brunelli said her office would work with state, county and federal officials during the next election cycle if voting by Internet receives the OK. She said some changes would have to be made.

"We would have to adapt the program to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and we could modify the program so there would be no need for counties to print out the ballots," she said. "The ballots could go straight to tabulation."

Brunelli said the Federal Voting Assistance Program will prepare a report about their Voting Over the Internet pilot project and it should be available in March or early April.

SWO detailers practice "Full-Contact" detailing

By Lt. j.g. Eric Petersen, Navy Personnel Command public affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — In a continuing effort to retain quality officers in the Navy, the Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) detailing shop at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) in Millington, Tenn., has adopted a new engagement strategy called, "Full Contact Detailing."

The SWO detailers and placement officers are

traveling to ships and major shore commands to meet SWOs face-to-face to help increase awareness of detailing issues and career opportunities. With the goal of allowing officers in fleet concentration areas to meet face-to-face with their respective detailers once a year, recent trips have included stops at both East and West Coast commands. Spouses are also invited to

meet with the detailer along with the officer, and separate briefs are conducted for spouses to help increase their awareness of detailing issues and career opportunities.

"We were recently at Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, Calif., the SNA National Symposium in Washington, D.C., Surface Warfare Officer School Command (SWOS) in

Newport, R.I., and are headed to San Diego in February," said Capt. Mike LeFever, director of surface warfare officer assignments at NPC.

As a tenet of "Full Contact Detailing," the SWO detailers are also carrying out a resignation letter withdrawal effort, which provides a forum for commanding officers and

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USS *Wasp* Sailors recruit on HARP Duty

By Seaman Journalist Kevin D. Sullenberger, USS *Wasp* public affairs

ABOARD USS *WASP* (NNS) — It's very likely that within the first two years of a Sailor's career in the Navy, he will have traveled to places in the world his hometown friends may only dream about.

From the Mediterranean to the Pacific, from Hawaii to Antarctica, Sailors work, train and live everyday life in not-so-everyday places gathering a wealth of experience and knowledge of the world we live in.

One Navy program is giving Sailors the chance to take their experiences and sea stories to the friends they left behind.

Bluejacket Hometown Area Recruiting Program (HARP) Duty, a Navy recruiting initiative that reduces the age gap between recruiters and potential Sailors, is affording USS *Wasp* (LHD 1) Sailors the chance to head home and spread the word that the Navy offers a career full of adventure and excitement.

"We have the benefit of working with Sailors that still have friends in high school," said Navy Counselor 1st Class(SW) Kenneth Wise, USS *Wasp*'s assistant command career counselor. Wise, originally from Carlisle, Pa., said fleet Sailors who are close in age to their hometown counterparts contribute an authenticity to recruiting that conventional recruiters may not be able to offer.

Before receiving orders to their hometown for the two-week recruiting tour, Sailors must meet various requirements. They must be a



USS *Wasp* (LHD 1)

U.S. Navy photo

high school graduate, be recruiting at the high school where they graduated, have a driver's license and have served at least one year on board their command. After their request receives final approval from Navy Recruiting Command, Sailors proceed home at the expense of the Navy for two weeks with a focus on adding new members to the Navy family.

Sailors who recruit while on HARP duty not only have the advantage of having friends at their alma mater, they're younger than the average recruiter which makes it easier to communicate their ideas and opinions about Navy life to interested teens. Besides knowing former high school classmates, fleet Sailors have the upper hand in recruiting

by not carrying the pressure of meeting monthly quotas.

"I thought the students and even their parents were more likely to listen to what I had to say because I'm not a full-time recruiter," said Yeoman 3rd Class(SW) Thomas Rose, a native of Winter Springs, Fla. "They wanted to hear about real Navy life."

Rose, who recruited at Lyman High School, Longwood, Fla., not only was able to inform his peers of his experiences on board USS *Wasp*, he introduced his recruiter to specific contacts in the school system and helped him become more familiar with the geographic area. While the majority of his face-to-face interactions with students took place during the school day, Rose

mentioned that he did not limit his recruiting to just the school.

"If they displayed interest in the Navy, we wouldn't hesitate to visit the kids and their parents at home," said Rose, leading petty officer of USS *Wasp*'s Administration Division. "We also toured area malls and popular hangouts. We talked to people from age eight to 80 because you never know who they're going to know."

Some benefits Rose mentioned to the curious students included Tuition Assistance, the ability to earn college credit while at sea, and full medical and dental coverage.

"I concentrated on the Navy's best selling points and sold them on the facts that I

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All Hands “Owner’s and Operator’s” released, contains first “Rights and Benefits” CD-ROM

By the Navy Office of Information

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The annual *All Hands* magazine “Owner’s and Operator’s Manual” hits the fleet this week, containing facts and figures on all aspects of the U.S. Navy. The popular almanac issue of the magazine includes listings of ships, submarines, aircraft and weapons, Navy rank insignia and pay tables.

But that’s not the biggest new feature!

This year, Sailors will find a Navy “Rights and Benefits” compact disc (CD) inside the back page of the Owner’s and Operator’s Manual. The Rights and Benefits special edition of *All Hands* was previously published every three or four years by the Naval Media Center as a magazine-sized reference manual; now, it’s on CD and online with the latest employee benefits information.

Serving as an employee handbook, the CD is broken down into chapters and details many benefits, including military pay and allowances, overseas duty, advancement opportunities and medical care. Best of all, the CD and web site give Sailors the information they need in a few keystrokes.

The new multimedia employee benefits site was designed to provide quality information to Sailors and give them all the tools they need to make the right career choices. In the past, some information in the *All Hands* Rights and Benefits publication was out of date by the time it was printed.

To make the product more Sailor-friendly, Naval Media Center has formed partnerships with Lifelines2000 and the Bureau of Naval Personnel to provide the technology and content to create a living document. The CD provides a snapshot of that data to everyone with access to a computer — even if they cannot link to the Internet — and it hyperlinks to the Navy’s Quality of Life web site at <http://www.LIFELines2000.org/rights>, where employee benefits information will be periodically updated. This, in effect, forever changes the way employee

information is delivered.

With the current “war for talent” to retain the best personnel, the Navy is committed to keeping Sailors well informed about their rights and benefits, thereby maintaining readiness.

Additionally, many key personnel programs and policies that place greater emphasis on quality of life and quality of service have been updated this year, making a review of Rights and Benefits more important than ever. This is the latest in a series of steps the Navy has taken to help Sailors “accelerate their lives.”

For the first time, the *All Hands* web site, at <http://www.mediacen.navy.mil>, will also allow users to download and print high-resolution copies of the Owner’s and Operator’s Manual charts containing ranks and ratings found on enlisted and officer uniforms.

Watch for the *All Hands* Owner’s and Operator’s Manual and the Rights and Benefits CD-ROM in the fleet soon.

Although quantities are limited, requests for additional copies of the special edition magazine with CD-ROM can be made via e-mail by providing



name, command, telephone number, e-mail and mailing addresses, along with the number of additional copies desired, to Mr. Garland Powell, *All Hands* distribution manager, at <mailto:powell@mediacen.navy.mil>.

Further inquiries related to magazine content should be directed to *All Hands* magazine at: allhands@mediacen.navy.mil

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detailers to exhaust every possible option to retain officers who have approved resignation letters. For CY00, the SWO detailers successfully convinced 91 out of 248 officers to withdraw their letters of resignation — a 400 percent increase over previous years' efforts.

“Surface Warfare really does offer some of the best and most expansive array of opportunities in the Navy, but many junior officers just don’t know the great options that await them ... our role is to go face-to-face, lay out their options and make dreams come true,” said Lt. Cmdr. Brad Cooper, surface warfare junior officer shore coordinator at NPC.

Cooper emphasized that the SWO retention successes are only in small part due to the efforts of detailers and placement officers.

“It’s a community-sponsored approach,” explained Cooper. “The commanding officers and executive officers on the waterfront are the ones who are really making the difference. The command environment and senior leadership set the stage as the real underpinnings of retention — we just come in and provide the options.”

For more information on SWO Detailing, please visit the PERS-41 web site at <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/pers41>.

Blue Angels announce job openings; Encourage more enlisted applicants

By Blue Angels public affairs

EL CENTRO, Calif. (NNS) — The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, announced they are looking to fill 13 enlisted billets for the upcoming show season and are now accepting applications for both officer and enlisted positions for the 2002 team.

The Blue Angels represent the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps team and serve to enhance recruiting by performing at air shows throughout North America. During the 2001 show season, the Blue Angels will perform nearly 70 shows in 35 cities, including Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.

The 13 vacant enlisted positions include several aviation ratings, a journalist and an illustrator draftsman.

For the 2002 season, the Blue Angels will select six new officers and approximately 30 enlisted personnel.

The team is expected to select three demonstration pilots (two Navy and one Marine), one Marine C-130 pilot, a maintenance officer (either Navy or Marine) and an administrative officer for the 2002 team. The application deadline is Apr. 30, and final selections will be made mid-July.

The deadline for enlisted applications is June 30, and final selections will be made by July 1. A normal tour of duty with the team is three years.

Those selected for the unique experience of being a Blue Angel are given the opportunity to represent hundreds of thousands of



Sailors and Marines serving the various fleets throughout the United States and abroad.

Anyone interested in applying for the team should read the application procedures available on the squadron's web site at www.blueangels.navy.mil.

For more information, contact Lt. j.g. Michael Blankenship, the Blue Angels public affairs officer, at (760) 339-2503.

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think are the Navy's best deal," said Rose. "That's why I am here today with stories to tell; because I was in their position once, curious about Navy life and what it could offer me. Now, after seeing the world and taking advantage of what the Navy has to offer, I am providing my peers with the information they need to make one of the most important decisions in their life."

For more information about the Blue Jacket HARP Program, please contact Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class (AW) Stephens, Navy Recruiting Command, at DSN 882-9141/COM 901-874-9141 or e-mail: stephensj@cnrc.navy.mil.

In naval history: Feb. 9, 1799

The first victory over an enemy warship: *Constellation* vs. *L'Insurgente*.

Between the Caribbean islands of Nevis and St. Kitts, the frigate *Constellation*, commanded by Capt. Thomas Truxtun, overtakes the French frigate *L'Insurgente*, commanded by Capt. M.P. Barreaut. The *Constellation* enjoys a slight superiority in the weight of her broadside, but *L'Insurgente* has the larger crew, more than 400 to *Constellation's* 309 men.

Skillfully avoiding the enemy's attempt to close, Truxtun crosses her bow twice to deliver a deadly raking fire. When he is in position to rake a third time, *L'Insurgente* hauls down her colors. French losses are 29 men killed and 41 wounded; American, 2 killed and 3 wounded.

The captured vessel is commissioned into the U.S. Navy as the *Insurgent*.

More information about naval history can be found at <http://www.history.navy.mil/>.

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Look for the following stories and more on next week's Navy/Marine Corps News show:

- The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff hosts a Pentagon ceremony welcoming Donald Rumsfeld as the new Secretary of Defense;
- Marines of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit complete the final phase of their fleet exercise in preparation for deployment;
- Find out why rock star Kid Rock gave Norfolk Sailors a concert to benefit USS *Cole* (DDG 67) Sailors;
- The Navy commander of the International Space Station talks about his mission in space in an exclusive interview.

Compiled on tape #2001-06, the show is on its way to the fleet now.



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